Town of Wellesley Natural Resources Commission Strategic Planning Retreat

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Wellesley Free Library - Arnold Room

NRC Representatives: Heidi Gross, Chair; Stephen Murphy, Vice Chair; Joan Gaughan, Lise Olney, Raina McManus, Members; Brandon Schmitt, Director

Facilitators: ESC Consultants John Woodard and Sheila Ardery

Agenda

9:00 - 9:15	Arrival - Light refreshments
9:15 -9:30	Introductions - All participants
9:30 - 9:45	Review ground rules and retreat objectives - ESC Consultants
9:45 - 10:15	Summary of NRC June 18, 2013 Retreat
	 Review Overview of NRC - Brandon Schmitt Highlights of ESC Interim Report - ESC Consultants Review of Strategic Goals - ESC Consultants
10:15 -10:45	Review outline of strategic goals, objectives and action steps - ESC Consultants
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	Group discussion – Development of action steps - All participants
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- Goal 1: Management of work of the board by establishing priorities and clarity about board and staff expectations, responsibilities and capacity.
- <u>Goal 2</u>: Through education and advocacy create a culture within the Town that will encourage good stewardship of the natural resources to achieve what otherwise consumes a lot of the board's time and efforts to ensure adherence to its mission and policies.
- <u>Goal 3</u>: Expand the NRC's capacity to meet its stewardship responsibilities through collaboration (e.g., Fuller Brook Park and Morses Pond projects).
- Goal 4: Utilize the collaborative management of the Fuller Brook Park and Morses Pond projects as a model in managing other projects, including work with DPW.

12:30 – 1:00 Wrap-up of group discussion and next steps - All participants1:00 Adjournment